MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION ON DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2/15/2013

Michigan Department of Civil Rights - Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing will conduct public hearings to receive public comment on the following proposed administrative rules: Qualified Interpreter – General Rules

The proposed rules are new rules. These rules are promulgated by the authority conferred on the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing by section 8a of the Deaf Persons Interpreters Act, 1982 PA 204, MCL 393.508a, section 9 of the Division on Deafness Act, 1937 PA 72, MCL 408.209, and ERO 1996-2, MCL 445.2001, ERO 2003-1, MCL 445.2011, and ERO 2008-4, MCL 445.2025

These rules govern procedures for application, testing, revocation, suspension or limitation of certification, continuing education, renewals, and grievances, minimum credential requirements and levels, and minimum standards of practice. These rules are proposed to take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The proposed rules are published in written format on the DODHH web site accessible at: http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/0,1607,7-138-58275_28545---,00.html

They are also available in ASL format on YouTube:

http://www.youtube.com/midodhh

Braille copies of the document may be obtained upon request.

These rules are published in the (date) Michigan Register. Public hearings will be held on the proposed rules on:

Wednesday March 6, 2013, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Grand Valley State University - Pew Campus Eberhad Center 301 West Fulton - 2nd Floor Conference Room Grand Rapids, MI Free Parking – Surface Lot

Friday, March 8, 2013, 6:30 – 9:30 P.M. Cadillac Place - Room L-150 3044 W Grand Blvd Detroit, Michigan Parking is available at paid meters and parking lots.

Saturday, March 9, 2013, 9:00 A.M. – Noon Michigan School f/t Deaf - Gym 1235 W. Court Street Flint, Michigan Free Parking – Surface Lot Signed, oral, or written comments may be presented in person at the hearings or submitted in writing by mail, email, or facsimile. Deaf persons may leave signed comments by VP at (517) 507-5223 all comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2013.

All comments will be reviewed and considered in the final version of the rules. Written comments may be submitted to the following:

DODHH - Public Comment 201 N Washington Sq. Lansing, MI 48913

Email: DODHH@michigan.gov

Fax: (517) 335-7773

All of the meeting sites are accessible. Please refrain from using heavily scented personal care products. Sign Language Interpreters and CART will be provided at all public hearings. If additional special accommodations are needed to participate in the public hearings, contact Amanda Niven at 517- 373-0523 or NivenA@michigan.gov no later than February 25, 2013